

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-63. (Cancelled)

64. (Previously Presented) An apparatus for reducing crosstalk comprising:

a one-piece cap manufactured of a material configured to minimize transmission of electrical signal away from its intended path, the cap constructed to fit about a jack that includes a port for receiving a plug, spring contacts for making electrical contact with the plug, and insulation displacement contacts housed in an insulation displacement contact housing, the insulation displacement contacts electrically connected to the spring contacts, the insulation displacement contact housing including a top, a back, and two sides, the cap including a first wall portion constructed to at least partially cover the top, a second wall portion constructed to at least partially cover the back, and third and fourth wall portions constructed to at least partially cover the two sides of the insulation displacement contact housing, the cap including a curved first notch defined along the second wall portion of the cap for accommodating a cable terminated to the insulation displacement contacts, the cap including a second notch defined along the first wall portion of the cap, the cap constructed to fit about the jack with a snap-fit, the cap including an electrically non-conductive material which is impregnated with an electrically conductive material such that the cap is overall electrically non-conductive.

65. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 64, wherein the electrically conductive material impregnated into the electrically non-conductive material includes carbon.

66. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 64, wherein the electrically conductive material impregnated into the electrically non-conductive material includes stainless steel.

67. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 64, wherein the electrically conductive material of the cap is coated with an electrically non-conductive insulator coating.

68. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 64, wherein the cap includes a curved flange defined about the first notch, the flange protruding from the second wall portion of the cap.
69. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 64, wherein the second notch is constructed for accommodating a flexible cantilever arm of the jack.
70. (Cancelled)